

## **REMARKS**

Claims 4-19 are pending in this application.

Claims 4, 7, 11 have been amended to correct typos. These amendments are not in response to the office action and cited art and are for correction of the typos only. Claim 12 has been amended to address the Examiner's indefiniteness objection.

The Response dated October 20, 2005 was deemed incomplete by the Examiner on the basis that there were not any arguments made regarding new claims 18 or 19. Applicant submits that claims 18 and 19 depend from claims 12 and 4, respectively, and accordingly are submitted to be patentable over the cited references for the reasons previously stated in the previous Response dated October 20, 2005. In this regard, the previous argument was as follows, and is applicable to claims 18 and 19 by virtue of their dependency on their respective base claims:

Claims 4-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant believes that the amendments address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 4, 7-11, and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frew *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,803,632 ("Frew") in view of Sloan, U.S. Patent No. 4,731,575 ("Sloan"). The present invention relates to a value store meter, among other things utilizing direct communication with a host such as a server type of system via an electric power modem such as for requesting a new token when an inner token is exhausted. Claim 4 has been amended to clarify that this type of authorizing/value/payment communication is done via the modem with a host. It is respectfully submitted that neither Frew nor

Sloan, either alone or in combination teach this invention, in which such information is gathered from a host via the modem. Accordingly, the rejection respectfully has been traversed.

The Examiner indicated that claim 12 remained indefinite following the October Reply, as that claim included the phrase "such as". Applicant has amended claim 12 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Based on the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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